

ABSTRACT

A computer-based information search method comprises the steps of: receiving a search query, the search query comprising at least one term; receiving a network resource list, the list comprising at least one web site selected from a predetermined web site list; semantically
5 analyzing the search query; and searching the network resource list for a response to the search query using a search engine. A computer-based citation search method comprises the steps of: receiving a search query, the search query comprising an patent identification condition; receiving a list of patent databases; searching the list of patent databases to collect at least one reference patent that cites patents or is cited by patents satisfying the condition of the search
10 query; and producing a citation list, the list comprising at least an owner of the reference patent.